

## IN THE SPECIFICATION.

Please enter the following changes to the specification:

✎ Before line 7 of page 1, add -- BACKGROUND. --.

At lines 7 and 8 of page 1, replace "for examining a fluid according to the preamble of claim 1" with -- for measuring the concentration of at least one component of a liquid biological sample before analysis of said sample by an in vitro diagnostic method, said component being apt to interfere with the measurement of a target analyte by means of said diagnostic method --.

Before line 26 of page 2, add -- BRIEF SUMMARY. --.

At line 30 of page 2, after "according to the" add -- present --.

At line 31 of page 2, delete "as defined by claim 1".

At line 31 of page 2, replace " the remaining claims define preferred embodiments and applications thereof and means for carrying out the method." with - - The invention also defines preferred embodiments and applications thereof and means for carrying out the method. --.

Before line 15 of page 3, add -- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS. --.

Before line 24 of page 4, add -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS. --.

Replace equation (2) on page 5 with the following equation:

$$E(\lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^J K_j(\lambda) \frac{d}{q_{dil}} C_j + E_g(\lambda) \quad (2)$$

At line 18 of page 13, after  $\bar{\lambda}$  add -- , at which  $E_{d1}$  is calculated in method step 36 and  $E_{d2}$  in method step 40, --.

At line 22 of page 19, after "hemoglobin" add -- 96 --.

At line 23 of page 19, after "concentrations" add -- 99 --.

At line 25 of page 19, after "fit" add -- 97 --.

At line 30 of page 19, after "fit" add -- 100 --.

Before line 9 of page 23, add -- The attached figures shall be further explained by referring to the following reference numbers. --

After line 27 of page 25, add -- Many variations of the invention will become apparant to those skilled in the art upon review of this specification. Therefore, the scope of the